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# COSMOS to build good learning ecosystem: FM

## Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman lays foundation stone for Rs. 81 crore project

Mysuru, Mar. 6 (RKB & BCT)- The Cosmology Education and Research Training Centre (COSMOS) — featuring a planetarium — the foundation stone for which was laid by Finance Minister (FM) Nirmala Sitharaman at the University of Mysore's Sri Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Centre for Higher Learning campus at the foot of Chamundi Hill, will build a good learning ecosystem in the Mysuru region.

"It will democratise learning and will be available for all. It will facilitate young minds to learn and disseminate knowledge to the world with substance," the FM said. The Rs. 81 crore project is expected to be realised by March 2023.

***Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman** (second from left) **at the information centre set up as part of the foundation stone laying ceremony of COSMOS at the foot of Chamundi Hill this morning. Also seen are Prof. Annapurni Subramaniam, Director, Indian Institute of Astrophysics, Bengaluru, Prof. K. Vijay Raghavan, Principal Scientific Advisor, Government of India, Prof. R. Shivappa, Registrar, University of Mysore (UoM), Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, UoM, Pratap Simha, MP, Mysuru-Kodagu.***

Nirmala Sitharaman arrived in a helicopter at Mysore Airport in Mandakalli from Bengaluru and headed straight to the foot of Chamundi Hill for the event. After the event, she proceeded to Government Guest House for lunch and was scheduled to reach Hebbal on a private visit to a relative's house near the Infosys campus. She will travel by road to Bengaluru in the evening, confirmed intelligence sources.

**Conceptualisation of COSMOS**

Taking the audience through the conceptualisation of the COSMOS, Nirmala Sitharaman said, "As an MP for Karnataka, I wanted to do something unique, apart from attending to my regular duties as an MP and a Minister. My former Personal Secretary, a Karnataka-cadre IAS Officer, came up with the idea of a planetarium and it gradually developed into this mega scale. The idea was germinated two years ago and now it has become a Rs. 81 crore project," she said.

**(See COSMOS on page 7)**

### Stone quarry crash in Gundlupet

# Rescuers blast rocks to retrieve bodies

## Chamarajanagar DC inspects several quarrying sites to check licences

***Workers prepare to blast the boulders with dynamite at the quarry site this morning. A backhoe is buried here along with two workers.***

Gundlupet, Mar. 6 (SS, SOMG & BCT)- Teams from National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), State Disaster Response Force and Fire & Emergency Services Departments have decided to blast the huge rocks that have fallen over a backhoe to retrieve the bodies of two more persons trapped in the stone quarry collapse at Madahalli near Gundlupet.

The stone quarry crashed around noon on Friday and three persons were trapped though initially it was feared that many would have been buried under mud and rocks. Yesterday, the body of Hazeemulla was recovered and today, the search is on for the remaining two. Teams have confirmed that they are getting the smell of decomposed bodies. In all, there were 24 workers at the quarry site when the incident occurred. Of them, 21 have been accounted for. Many workers ran for their life while four of them were rescued.

**(See ROCKS on page 7)**

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**Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.**

Mysuru, Sunday 6th March 2022


# Karnataka Open School SSLC exam from Apr. 18

Mysuru, Mar. 6 (SSM)- Karnataka Secondary Education Examination Board has announced time-table of Karnataka Open School (KOS) SSLC examination for the year 2021-22 and exams are scheduled between Apr. 18 and Apr. 27

Students appearing for exam must submit online application before Mar. 15. Those who have enrolled in any learning centres of Open Schools and students who have not cleared their exams can also submit applications at their learning centres.

The exam will be held from 9.30 am to 12.45 pm on all days except during second and third language exams which will be held between 9.30 am and 12.15 pm, according to a press release from JSS Karnataka Open School.

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| April 18: | First Language (Kannada) |
| April 19: | Home Science |
| April 20: | Second Language (English) |
| April 21: | Business Studies |
| April 22: | Science |
| April 23: | Economics |
| April 25: | Mathematics |
| April 26: | Third Language (Hindi) |
| April 27: | Social Science |

## EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

*You choose what to eat, where to go, what to study, how to behave, what to wear, which political party to vote for, who to befriend and so on, but when it comes to religion and gender, you are expected to stick to the religion or gender you are born into. For the sake of convenience and maybe out of sheer habit, to go by your birth religion and birth gender may have been accepted as the norm, but with rapid scientific and technological advancements and expansion of the human mind into several dimensions and philosophies, it does seem unfair to get shackled at birth. This could even be considered as a human rights issue.*

*I could feel very Hindu in the morning as I participate in certain habitual rituals and later I may choose to chant a Buddhist prayer at noon to feel centred during a stressful day at work. Another day, I may pray in a church that is hushed and quiet and on yet another day, I may offer my respects at a dargah. There could be days when I question the existence of a God and wonder whether there is a purpose to my life. What does that make me? I would say eclectic, evolving and open, but society insists on branding me as belonging to one or other religion, just as I am expected to be of one or other gender. One's religion concerns only that individual and no one else. Like secret ballots in political voting, one's religion should also be deemed to be a private choice that is not meant for display on a ticker out there for public consumption.*

—*Narayani Ganesh in The Times of India*

## NEWS SPARKLERS

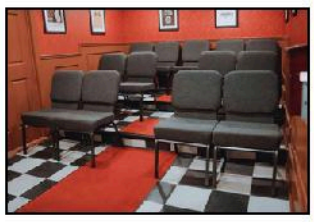
### 'Alien' like creature found after rainfall

Sydney: A small creature, found on the streets of Sydney, Australia, has stumped biologists, academics and social media users alike. Harry Hayes found the creature during his morning jog. The city was lashed with heavy rainfall in recent days, but the bizarre-looking animal was not found in a flood zone. The jogger found it on the roadside during his jog.

Hayes posted a video of the creature on social media handle. The footage shows him poking the creature with a stick, but it remains immobile. Even biologists were left stumped by the odd-looking find.

A cuttlefish embryo, a germinating seed and mutated tadpole were all discarded as possible answers. When reached out to University of Sydney and the University of New South Wales to identify the creature, none of the academics were able to identify it either.

### Theatre with 13 seats named world's smallest



Ontario: An Ontario, Canada, movie theatre that seats only 13 people was certified by Guinness World Records as the globe's smallest purpose-built cinema. The Little Prince Micro-Cinema in Stratford opened in October 2021 and is styled after a miniature Victorian theatre with red carpeting, tiered seating and velvet ropes.

Leigh Cooney, the theatre's owner and operator, said the site was a gallery and gift shop and the micro-cinema began as a pull-down screen and some folding chairs to show local filmmakers' works.

The theatre was officially awarded the Guinness World Record for smallest purpose-built cinema when it was officially measured at 175.36 square feet.

"We may be small, but we're having a huge impact with those people who are looking for a safe and unique alternative to traditional movie theatres," Cooney said.

## HEALTH CAPSULE

**Is prostate enlargement cancerous?**

Not all enlarged prostate glands result in prostate cancer. Your risk increases if you are above 50 years of age, and you eat a high-fat diet.

*By Dr Dinesh Kumar T P - Consultant Urology*
*Manipal Hospital, Mysore*

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** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

# Horticulture training

Mysuru, Mar. 6 (SSM)- Horticulture Department has organised a ten-month training programme in horticulture for children of farmers, women and men from Mysuru and Chamarajanagar districts. The training programme will be held from May 2, 2022 to Feb. 28, 2023 at Rangasamudra Horticulture Training Centre.

Candidates who wish to take part in the training programme must have a pass in SSLC.

Candidates belonging to general category should be in the age group of 18 to 30 years, SC and ST community candidates must be in the age group of 18-33 years and former Soldiers must be aged between 33 and 65 years. Applications will be issued from Mar. 15 to Apr. 16 at the Office of Zilla Panchayat Horticulture Deputy Director and State Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture, Mysuru. Applications are also available on department website ***https://horticulturedir.karnataka.gov.in/english***

For details, contact Ph: 0821-2977572 or visit Office of Senior Assistant Director (Horticulture), Mysuru near Curzon Park, according to a press release from the Zilla Panchayat Horticulture Deputy Director.

## REALLY...?

- *Octopuses have three hearts. Two of the hearts work exclusively to move blood beyond the animal's gills, while the third keeps circulation flowing for the organs. The organ heart actually stops beating when the octopus swims, explaining the species' penchant for crawling rather than swimming, which exhausts them.*
- *Octopuses have blue blood. To survive in the deep ocean, octopuses evolved a copper rather than iron-based blood called hemocyanin, which turns its blood blue. This copper base is more efficient at transporting oxygen than hemoglobin when water temperature is very low and not much oxygen is around.*

## LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

*My friend was inconvenienced when his coin phone went out of order. Requests for repair went in vain. After few days, the phone company was contacted and told that the phone was now working fine except that all money was being returned after each call. A mechanic arrived within an hour!*

## TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 US Dollar | = Rs. 76.41 |
| 1 UK Pound | = Rs. 101.10 |
| 1 UAE Dirham | = Rs. 20.80 |
| 1 Euro | = Rs. 83.61 |

## COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

| | MARCH 4 | MARCH 5 |
|---|---|---|
| Day's Positive Cases | 9 | 12 |
| Total Positive Cases | 2,29,319 | 2,29,331 |
| Day's Discharges | 1 | 13 |
| Total Discharges | 2,26,645 | 2,26,658 |
| Day's Deaths | 0 | 0 |
| Total Deaths | 2,556 | 2,556 |
| Total Active Cases | 118 | 117 |

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

## VOICE OF THE READER

# Are we destined to bad roads forever?

Sir,

A lot of time has passed since the announcement of giving a facelift to the roads in the city and repairing the atrocious potholes that are present in almost all the roads.

Then came the announcement of the granting of funds and then came the inevitable bickering and fighting for the funds.

The Mayor even talked about the funds going back to the government treasury if the project was not taken up.

What is the latest update on this matter? Initially we Mysureans were promised that by March we would be riding or driving on smooth roads.

Well, we are in the beginning of March but there is not even an indication of the work beginning. Are we destined to bad roads forever?

It is high time the respective authorities got their act together and if they can't sort their differences and fulfil the basic responsibility, then I feel it is time they let somebody else carry the baton and finish the race that they did not even begin.

—S. Smitha

Hebbal 2nd Stage

2.3.2022

# Felicitation to women achievers tomorrow

*Dr. Manik Bengeri* *Shashikala* *Mallige Machamma* *Pramila Kunwar*

*Ramamani* *Manjula* *Kavitha* *Gayathri*

*Neelamma* *Ashwini* *Lakshmi* *Shobha*

Mysuru, Mar. 6 (SSM)- City's Janani Seva Trust, as part of International Women's Day celebration and the 12th death anniversary of former MCC Corporator late K. Kamalamma, has organised a programme at Pathrakartara Bhavan on Tyagaraja Road in city on Mar. 7 at 11.30 am to felicitate women achievers and to distribute Rs. 5 lakh worth accident insurance bond.

IPS Officer Dr. Dharanidevi Malagatti will distribute the accident bonds. Kannada Sahitya Parishat Mysuru President Maddikere Gopal will be the chief guest. Dr. Krishnamurthy Research Foundation Director Dr. Leela Prakash will deliver a talk on great woman personalities. Trust President Dr. M.K. Ashok will preside.

The women achievers who will be felicitated on the occasion are Dr. Manik Bengeri (Culture Spokesperson of Mysuru), Shashikala Ashok (Women Cultural Ambassador), Mallige Machamma (Senior Reporter), Pramila Kunwar (73rd Republic Day NCC Parade Commander), Ramamani (Senior Nurse), B. Manjula (Anganwadi Worker), Kavitha (ASHA Worker), Gayathri (Pourakarmika), Neelamma (Grave Digger), Ashwini Helawar (Traffic Police Constable), S. Lakshmi (Post Woman) and M. Shobha (Auto Driver).

# Justice K.S. Mudagal inaugurates Lions Region Meet in city

*Seen in the picture are* (from left) ***Zone Chairperson Lion Shivaramu, PDG Lion K. Devegowda, District Cabinet Secretary Lion Dr. Sundarmurthy, District Governor Lion Dr. Prabha Murthy, Justice of High Court of Karnataka K.S. Mudagal, Region Chairperson Lion Prathima Ramesh, Lions International Director Lion K. Vamsidhar Babu, Lion P. Ramesh, Immediate Past District Governor Lion G.A. Ramesh, Zone Chairperson Lion V.C. Ravikumar, 2nd Vice-District Governor Lion Suresh Ramu, District Cabinet Treasurer Lion L.V. Srinivas and Host Committee Chairman Lion N. Subramanya.***

Mysuru, Mar. 6- The Lions Region Meet of Region XI of Lions District 317A was held on Feb. 27 at MBCT Auditorium in city.

Region Chairperson of Region XI Ln. Prathima Ramesh was the presiding officer. Karnataka High Court Judge Justice K.S. Mudagal was the chief guest. Lions International Director Ln. K. Vamsidhar Babu was the keynote speaker. Past District Governor Ln. K. Devegowda was the guest of honour.

District Governor Ln. Dr. Prabha Murthy, along with immediate Past District Governor Ln. G.A. Ramesh, 2nd Vice District Governor Ln. Suresh Ramu, District Cabinet Secretary Ln. Dr. Sundarmurthy, District Cabinet Treasurer Ln. L.V. Srinivas and host of Cabinet members, Lion members and invitees attended the event.

While addressing the delegates, Justice Mudagal appreciated the humanitarian service rendered by the Lions Clubs International.

Ln. K. Vamsidhar Babu spoke on theme of the event being 'Quality A Way of Life'.

He said that in this fast lifestyle, the degree of happiness and contentment has been observed to have taken a toll.

The life has become more materialistic and the personal relationships as become more objective instead of natural emotional bondage which used to be existing in yesteryears.

Quality of life is the degree to which an individual is healthy, comfortable and able to participate in or enjoy life events.

He also emphasised on how Quality acts can make each Lions Club improvise itself as a vibrant, image building, most respected Club in the community comprising of dedicated resourceful members.

Ln. K. Devegowda was honoured on this occasion.

As part of the service activity of Region Meet, vegetable vending push-carts were donated to the needy persons.

Lions Club of Mysore Gangothri was awarded 1st prize, Lions Club of Mysore Garden City - 2nd, Lions Club of Kuvempunagar - 3rd and Lions Club of Mysore Main with a consolation prize for banner presentation.

Ln. C.D. Krishna and Lion Prathima Krishna compered.

# Dr. Dharanidevi Malagatti transferred

*Dr. Dharanidevi*

Mysuru, Mar. 6 (RK&TRR)- Dr. K. Dharanidevi Malagatti, Principal of Police Training School, Mysuru, has been transferred as Superintendent of Police (SP) of Kolar district. Shekar H. Tekkanavar, SP of Internal Security Division, has been chosen to succeed Dr. Dharanidevi Malagatti as the Police Training School Principal. An order to this effect was issued by James Tarakan, Under-Secretary to the Government.

Dr. Dharanidevi, who is a senior IPS Officer, also worked as a Deputy Director of Karnataka Police Academy (KPA). During her tenure, she completed the new building of Training School, renovation of Parade Ground and the compound work of the Parade Ground. She also took interest to provide basic infrastructure facilities to Probationers and in obtaining grants from the Government for various development activities of the training school.


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NEET PG - 2021 eligible candidates may please visit Medical Counselling Committee (MCC) website i.e; **mcc.nic.in** for number of vacancy, registration, seat selection and allotment process in round-3 (mop-up) and stray vacancy round at JSS Medical College, Mysuru with MCC registration is compulsory.

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Staging of play this evening

Nayana Kala Niketana has organised staging of social-comedy play 'Appa Anadi Maga Kiladi' at Sri Siddappaji Temple premises in Alanahalli village of Kasaba hobli in Mysuru taluk today (Mar. 6) at 4.30 pm. Sri Ilai Alwar Swamiji of Sri Vangipura Nambi Mutt, Melukote, will grace the occasion. Kannada & Culture Department Assistant Director H. Channappa will inaugurate the event. Alanahalli Gram Panchayat Member M. Murthy and social worker and art patron P. Gurushankar will be the chief guests. For details, contact Mob: 96323-15924.

### Talk on Sarcopenia

Talk on 'Sarcopenia' by Dr. R. Purnima, formerly Professor of English, KSOU and presently, Director, Children's Literary Club, Mysuru, will be held at Chamundi Children's Home, Brindavan Extension 2nd Stage, Mysuru, tomorrow (Mar. 7) at 5.30 pm, according to a press release.

### MAA Utsav on Apr. 9

Mysore Medical College Alumni Association (MAA), Mysuru, has organised 'MAA Utsav' on Apr. 9 for alumni association members. MAA office-bearers have requested all old students of Mysore Medical College and Association members to attend the Utsav, according to a press release from the Association President and Secretary.

## WATER LEVEL

**KRS DAM**

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| Maximum | : | 124.80 | feet |
| Today | : | 112.22 | feet |
| Yesterday | : | 112.28 | feet |
| Inflow | : | 315 | cusecs |
| Outflow | : | 895 | cusecs |

**KABINI DAM**

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| Maximum | : | 2,284.00 | feet |
| Today | : | 2275.86 | feet |
| Inflow | : | 139 | cusecs |
| Outflow | : | 900 | cusecs |

**HARANGI DAM**

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| Maximum | : | 2,859.00 | feet |
| Today | : | 2854.18 | feet |
| Inflow | : | 237 | cusecs |
| Outflow | : | 2,200 | cusecs |

INDIRA CANTEEN REALITY CHECK - 8

# Lack of cleanliness glaring at Sharadadevi Nagar Canteen

Mysuru, Mar. 6 (RKB&TRR)- Indira Canteen situated near the water tank at Sharadadevi Nagar is devoid of any form of cleanliness. There is no power connection to wash plates and utensils for the last few months and sadly, there is nobody to hear this grievance.

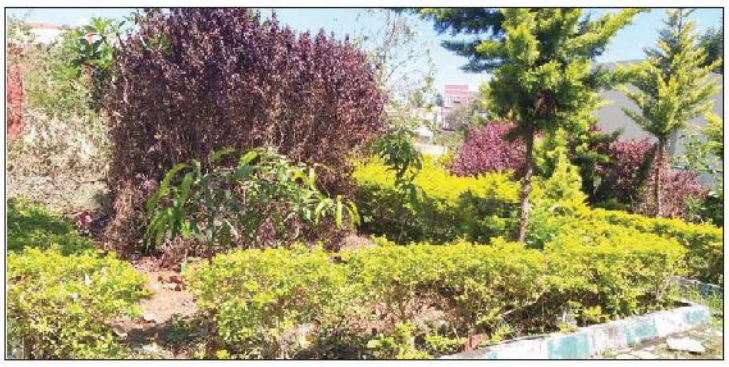
Because of this, hot water is not available to clean the plates and glasses used by the customers.

"Same situation prevailed during COVID pandemic. Complaints were made about the lack of proper hygiene and cleanliness. Despite all this, no efforts have been made by the concerned company to improve the conditions," complained angry customers, who spoke to *Star of Mysore* during the reality check.

Auto drivers, daily wage labourers are the customers of this canteen. CCTV cameras of the canteen is working fine.

There are no complaints about the supervisor who is serving whatever food is supplied to the canteen.

Every morning 200 idly and 20 kg lemon rice (Chitranna) for breakfast, 40 ragi balls and 20 kg Rice-Sambar in the afternoon for lunch are being supplied.



**Garden needs maintenance:** Supervisor's love for nature is evident with ornamental plants being planted around the canteen. Though regular maintenance needs some improvement, the supervisor assured that he will take care of that aspect also.

About 125 people have their breakfast and more than 160 are having their lunch here.

**Poor quality of curd rice**

Like in other Indira Canteens, customers complain about the poor quality of curd rice.

About 70 people are being provided free food dinner, explained canteen Supervisor Mahadevappa to *Star of Mysore*.

# Russia-Ukraine war: India must safeguard its interests

## Author Major General (Retd.) Jagatbir Singh opines India should take a cautious stance

Mysuru, Mar. 6 (OSR)- "India must consider its interests while judging Russia-Ukraine war. Russia has always stood by India in the international arena and it has helped India in times of crisis. Russia has even supported India on the Kashmir border dispute, Article 370. Russia has always given India arms," opined Major General (Retd.) Jagatbir Singh.

*Maj. Gen. (retd.) Jagatbir Singh*

He was speaking at a special online interaction — Russia-Ukraine War: How will it affect India — organised by Hindu Janajagruti Samiti. Jagatbir Singh is an author and Distinguished Fellow at the United Service Institution of India. Commissioned in 1981 into the 18 Cavalry, he has held various important command and staff appointments including command of an Armoured Division.

Continuing, Jagatbir Singh said that while Russia has always helped India, Ukraine, on the other hand, has always taken a stand against our country. Despite the pressure on India to "take the side of Ukraine" in the face of the on-going onslaught on Ukraine, this cannot be done directly. Similarly, thousands of Indian students are stranded in Ukraine.

"As it is important to save them, India should take a cautious stance on the Russia-Ukraine war and take further steps in the interest of India," he said.

"As far as India is concerned we are now a power that matters with interests both with the US, EU and Russia. With the US, trade is at its highest and the US investment in India is also the highest, in addition is the large, influential and wealthy diaspora as well as a large number of students and growing military ties. We must safeguard our interests," he reasoned.

Participating in the discussion, Major General (Retd.) V.K. Singh said, "Russian President Vladimir Putin had warned of a nuclear attack in response to tough economic sanctions and trade boycotts imposed on Russia by NATO members so that the enemy nations do not come together to attack Russia — just like Pakistan threatens India to use nuclear weapons, if India invades Pakistan and goes to war. Russia has done just that."

Colonel (Retd.) Rajendra Shukla said, "The Russia-Ukraine war would have a huge economic impact on Russia due to the cost of munitions and subsequent sanctions imposed on it by Western countries. Russia will suffer huge losses globally."

Due to economic sanctions on Russia, India will not have any problem in getting S-400 anti-aircraft and anti-missile technology and other munitions from Russia, he added.

"Perhaps the war may delay it a little. Only Prime Minister Narendra Modi has made India's position in the world much better than before. Modi is playing a balanced role in the war. Russia and India have a traditional friendship. India should also keep in mind that Russia has helped India in difficult times," he said.

# Students rejuvenate ancient Kalyani

Mysuru, Mar. 6 (BCT)- An ancient Temple pond — Kalyani — which had dried up in recent years, has been rejuvenated, following the removal of silt and clearing of weeds that had covered the pond. The rejuvenation has been completed by over 80 NSS volunteers from Government First Grade College, Kuvempunagar. The Kalyani is located in Jayapura village in the premises of Jedikatte Mahadeshwaraswamy Temple on the outskirts of Mysuru.

According to the villagers, the Kalyani supplied pure drinking water to the Temple and the same water was being used to perform *abhisheka* to the presiding deity. Due to neglect, weeds dominated the Kalyani premises and gradually, silt got deposited. Due to the weed growth, the Kalyani was not visible.

Speaking to *SOM*, Dr. S.G. Ramadasa Reddy, Associate Professor of History, Govt. First Grade College, Kuvempunagar, who is also the NSS Coordinator, said that when this year's camp was planned, this particular Kalyani was taken up for rejuvenation and the students did a wonderful job. Gram Panchayat (GP) President Mahadevi Javaranayaka, former Taluk Panchayat Vice-President J.M. Javaranayaka, GP Member Nagaraju and Prof. Honnegowda appreciated the initiative.

The result of their labour has motivated them to take up similar work in other temple ponds. "There are many such ponds in the taluk and over the years they have become dry. If we work towards rejuvenating all water bodies, then the groundwater table could be recharged," students said.

After the Kalyani was cleaned, the volunteers planted over 75 coconut saplings by digging up huge pits at Baradanapura village near Jayapura. The event was inaugurated by Mahanteshwara Mutt Seer Sri Parashivamurthy Swamiji. The saplings were arranged in a neat manner with a uniform distance between each of them so that they form a grove when the trees fully grow.

# Festive atmosphere at Bylakuppe for 'Losar'

Bylakuppe, Mar. 6 (Rajesh& BCT)- It is celebration time at Tibetan settlement at Bylakuppe of Mysuru district on the way to Kodagu now as it is their New Year — Losar. Losar 2149, the year of water tiger festivities, is observed from Mar. 3 to 6.

The festival began on Mar. 3 and the entire settlement is wearing a festive look with decked up streets, colourful corners and people wearing new clothes. It is also a time when one could witness and taste the best of the Tibetan cuisines and culture. Festivities will prevail for 15 days.

Losar marks the beginning of the New Year as per the Tibetan calendar. Tibetans offered prayers at the Buddhist temples before engaging in the festivities. "Last two years, the festival was celebrated on a low scale due to COVID. This year we made elaborate preparations for celebrating the New Year ranging from cleaning and whitewashing our homes to preparing traditional delicacies," said a few residents.

The festival is marked with ancient ceremonies that represent the struggle between good and evil and it is celebrated with religious fervour to ward off evil spirits and welcome the New Year with hope and joy.

According to elders at Bylakuppe, the term 'Lo' in the Tibetan language means year and 'Sar' means new. The festival begins on the day of a new moon that marks the first day of the first month on the Tibetan calendar.

Losar is that time of the year when thousands of Tibetans and their homes are filled with the spirit of joy and jubilation.

Bylakuppe — with over 30 camps and over 43,000 people — is the second largest Tibetan settlement in the world outside Tibet after Dharamshala.

In fact, Mysuru has one more Tibetan settlement at Gurupura near Hunsur. Tibetans have lived in harmony with the people of Karnataka and intermingled with each other, in the last few decades.

Before the Tibetans celebrated Losar, they observed the Gutor festival where Buddhist monks conducted special prayers. The festival was inaugurated at Tashi Lhunpo monastery and the highlight of this year's festival was the presence of the Lok Sabha Member from Ladakh Jamyang Tsering Namgyal.

As part of the celebrations, monks wore tiger masks and artistes — dressed in brightly patterned attire and masks — performed the Monastic Cham Dance. It is a highly choreographed dance where a select group of the resident monks will perform as directed by the mystic dance master. In the evening, a special ritual was performed where different articles made for the occasion (representing bad things of the previous year) were set on fire to symbolically destroy negative powers.

# Ladakh MP visits Mysuru Zoo

***Ladakh Member of Parliament (MP) Jamyang Tsering Namgyal yesterday visited Mysuru Zoo and went around the Zoo. He was accompanied by Ladakh nominated Councillor (Sangha) of Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC) Leh, Ven Konchok Tsepel and Buddhist monks. Zoo Authority of Karnataka (ZAK) Chairman L.R. Mahadevaswamy welcomed the guests and presented mementoes to them. Mysuru Kodagu MP Pratap Simha and Mysuru Zoo Executive Director Ajit M. Kulkarni were present.***

## 'Rangayanadangaladalli Janapadaru'

# Folk fest begins in city

Mysuru, Mar. 6 (SBD&DM)- 'Rangayanadangaladalli Janapadaru', a two-day folk festival organised by Rangayana in association with the Directorate of Kannada and Culture ahead of 'Bahuroopi' National Theatre Fest, got off to a colourful start at Rangayana premises yesterday.

District Minister S.T. Somashekar, who spoke after inaugurating the folk fest, said that it is not correct to place hurdles for Rangayana's programmes.

Pointing out that he has directed officials to give full co-operation for all Rangayana programmes, he said it is happy to note that the event has been organised for the promotion of SC/ST artistes. Stating that he is aware of the problems of artistes, Somashekar assured that he would make honest efforts to address issues faced by artistes.

Somashekar also complimented MLA L. Nagendra for his efforts to get Rs. 89 crore budgetary allocation for upgradation of K.R. Hospital and Rs. 52 crore for the development of Chamaraja constituency.

Chamaraja MLA L. Nagendra presided. Recalling the contributions made by the erstwhile Mysore Maharajas for popularising Music, Arts, Literature and Culture, he wished that Mysuru Rangayana too become as famous as our Palace in the future. Lauding the work of Mysuru Rangayana Director Addanda C. Cariappa, the MLA said that he would do all what he can to resolve the problems of artistes.

Rangayana Director Addanda Cariappa, in his address, said that it is satisfactory to note that cultural activities have gained momentum after a two-year gap due to COVID. Asserting that the fest provides a platform for SC/ST artistes to display their talent, he said the Rangayana has been doing its best to come to the help of artistes, who are facing a lot of hardship due to the pandemic. Cariappa also maintained that Rangayana did not leave out any artiste in its rolls even during the pandemic.

Senior folk artiste Sobaane Gowramma of Chamarajanagar, who spoke after launching the folk performances by singing of a *Sobaane Pada*, regretted that blind artistes, including her, were not getting any Governmental benefits. Stating that the Govt. is paying them a meagre honorarium once in 2-3 months, she said that a majority of artistes are facing a lot of hardships due to loss of income and lack of opportunities. Stressing on the need for popularising the art of *Sobaane* singing, Gowramma wanted the Government to come to the aid of artistes as they are struggling to lead life.

MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev inaugurated a 10-day sculpture camp, organised as part of the fest, by chiseling a sculpture.

The event at Rangayana began with the rendering of a Kuvempu song by Ramachandra Hadapad and troupe.

**Grand procession**

Earlier, a colourful procession by a host of folk troupes was taken out from Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Palace North Gate, to Rangayana on Hunsur Road. Hundreds of folk artistes from across the State took part in the procession, which drew large crowds all along the route.

MLC C.N. Manjegowda, Kannada & Culture Dept.-Bengaluru Joint Director Balwant Rao Patil, Mysuru Jt. Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy, Rangayana Deputy Director Nirmala Mathapati and others were present.

The two-day event, featuring seminar and folk performances, will conclude tonight.

# Rare kidney surgery
## performed at Cauvery Hospital

***Picture shows** (from left) **Dr. R.M. Aravind, Dr. Keshavmurthy, Dr. M.S. Girish, Dr. K. Umesh and B.J. Sandeep Patel during the press meet.***

Mysuru, Mar. 6 (KS) - A four-year-old boy with a large heterogeneously enhancing mass lesion in his left kidney has been successfully operated at Cauvery Heart and Multispecialty Hospital in city recently.

Four-year-old Ashok (name changed), was brought to Cauvery Hospital with complaints of left side scrotal swelling from past 10 days. On evaluation, a large heterogeneously enhancing mass lesion in left kidney measuring around 12 cms with tumour thrombus of left renal vein was noticed. He was suspected to have a left Wilm's tumour and was admitted to the hospital, where the doctors prepared to conduct a surgery.

With informed consent, the boy underwent left radical nephrectomy with lymphadenectomy proceedures and was discharged from the hospital after four days. Histopathological examination confirmed Wilms tumour (Nephroblastoma) left kidney with favourable histology type. Now, the patient is on adjuvant chemotherapy.

Wilms tumour (also known as Nephroblastoma) occurs in 3-4 per 10,000 children in Asian countries. This is one of the rarest and first case successfully operated in Mysuru.

The child was successfully managed by team of expert doctors Dr. K. Umesh, Consultant Urologist, Dr. M.S. Girish, Consultant Oncosurgeon, Dr. R.M. Aravind, Consultant General & Laparoscopic Surgeon, Dr. S. Anoop, Paediatric Surgeon, Dr. Keshavmurthy and Dr. Harish, Consultant Anaesthesiologists and team of OT, nursing and paramedical staff.

Cauvery Heart and Multispecialty Hospital Chairman Dr. G.R. Chandrashekar said that the Hospital provides world class health care facilities at an affordable cost and has requested Mysureans to utilise the services in time of need.

# Blood donation and free kidney check-up camp held

***A blood donation and free kidney check-up camp was organised by All India Kerala Muslim Cultural Centre (AIKMCC), Mysuru, at its premises in KSRTC Layout, Bannimantap, this morning. The programme was inaugurated by MMC&RI Dean and Director Dr. H.N. Dinesh in the presence of K.R. Hospital Assistant Professor Dr. Raghuveer and Oncology Surgeon Dr. Kiran. AIKMCC President M.K. Noushad, Vice-President P. Moideen, AIKMCC Mysuru President C.M. Anwar, Secretary Kasim, National Executive Member Iqbal Manalody and Mohammed of Loyal World attended the camp and donated blood.***

# Free women wellness screening camp

Mysuru, Mar. 6- On the occasion of International Women's Day 2022, Nayana Kumar's Multi-Speciality Hospital, Dattagalli, has organised a 'Free Women Wellness Screening Camp' from Mar. 7 to 9 between 10 am and 4 pm.

For details, contact Mob: 95133-10100 or 87628-50960.

# COSMOS to build good learning ecosystem: FM

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Acknowledging the contributions of Prof. K. Vijay Raghavan, Principal Scientific Advisor, K.N. Vyas, Secretary, Department of Atomic Energy, Dr. S. Chandrashekar, Secretary, Department of Science and Technology and Prof. Annapurni Subramaniam, Director, Indian Institute of Astrophysics, Bengaluru, the Minister said that if Secretaries of different Departments think alike, it will achieve wonders. "This is exactly what happened here with beautiful coordination with the University of Mysore," she said, looking at the officers who were present on the dais.

**Real-time astro data**

"With COSMOS, the Ladakh sky can be viewed in Mysuru in real time as the data from telescopes from all over the world is available here along with the data of the past and the present. It is not just a planetarium but is a world in itself. This will enable young minds to acquire knowledge, facilitate learning and empower them to use the data guided by scientists and astrophysicists," she added.

Before Nirmala Sitharaman addressed the gathering, Prof. Annapurni Subramaniam gave a presentation on the COSMOS and said that apart from featuring a planetarium, COSMOS will also function as an education hub and conduct science education outreach and scientific activities for the students.

**India's first hi-tech Planetarium**

"The COSMOS will be India's first hi-tech planetarium with a Digistar 7 system and a Domex screen. This unique state-of-the-art and real-time planetarium with a playback engine will make it an extremely powerful tool for education and training for students as well as teachers", she said.

The Digistar system will allow scientists, researchers and students to display real-time data from observatories within the dome as all domes will be inter-connected. Regular teaching courses will be provided for school and college students, training on processing astronomical data, coding and hands-on experiments along with systematic documentation of astronomy heritage will be provided," she added.

## Girls and colours of the universe

Turning her attention to the girl students present among the audience, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said that it felt good to see a lot of girl students. "Girls and science can be real game-changers. You can bring colours to the universe and bring about a change. Girls can bring colours to the COSMOS and I am glad that you all are here. In fact the entire universe is full of colours and with their energy, the girls will only add to that," she said.

MP Pratap Simha also spoke and placed a demand for Coding Academy and Incubation Centre at University of Mysore on the lines of Coding and Incubation Centre in France.

University of Mysore Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, Registrar Prof. R. Shivappa, University of Mysore Planning Monitoring & Evaluation Board (PMEB) Director Prof. N.K. Lokanath and others were present.

## Rescuers blast rocks to retrieve bodies

*Chamarajanagar Deputy Commissioner Charulata Somal and other officers visit the mines this morning to check their legalities and area of mining.*

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Huge boulders have fallen over a backhoe under which the two workers have been trapped and it is impossible to locate them. As such, the rescuers have decided to blast the boulders with dynamite so that the rocks are broken into pieces. At noon today, drillers were being used to make holes in the rocks to blast them.

Since the crash site is located 150 feet from the earth's surface, care must be taken while blasting as the intensity and vibrations might lead to the collapse of more rocks. Suggestions from geologists are being obtained on the blast operation and teams are implementing them accordingly.

**DC inspection spree**

Meanwhile, a day after the visit of Chamarajanagar District Minister V. Somanna to the site, Deputy Commissioner Charulata Somal went on an inspection spree to all quarry sites to check the legalities. The Minister had ordered the DC to inspect the sites and certify whether they are legal or illegal.

Mining and quarrying have been suspended and it will remain in place until the DC certifies that the mineral extraction process is legal and complies with Government norms. A special team, headed by the DC was constituted and it would visit every mine, quarry and crushing site in the district to ascertain if there were any irregularities.

The team also includes the Superintendent of Police and officials from the Department of Mines and Geology and others. The entire team went for inspection today and checked the quarry sites and also the documents. The decision of the DC would be final and binding on all miners.

As per the Minister's directives, only those quarries that are functioning as per norms would be allowed to continue with their activity and rest will be closed. In this particular quarry, permission was issued for extraction in a plot of 1 acre but the contractor had subleased the contract and at the same time, extended the area of mining in clear violation of rules, the Minister added.

## India Vs Sri Lanka - 1st Test

## India in command at lunch after enforcing follow-on

Mohali, Mar. 6- Following on after being bowled out in their first innings for 174, Sri Lanka, which was asked to follow-on, was a wicket down in its second innings against India at lunch on Day-3 of the ongoing first Test at the IS Bindra Stadium in Mohali.

Ravichandran Ashwin struck early in the day to dismiss Lahiru Thirimanne (0). Later, Ravindra Jadeja triggered a collapse by bagging a five-wicket as India enforced a follow-on on Sri Lanka, after securing a lead of four hundred runs.

Nissanka completed his fifty but Sri Lanka continued to lose wickets at the other end. Sri Lanka which resumed play from their overnight score of 108 for 4 were bowled out for a paltry 174.

Earlier, Jadeja scored a marathon 175-run knock as India declared their first innings at 574 for eight yesterday. Apart from Jadeja, Rishabh Pant also scored a counter-attacking 96 while Hanuma Vihari, who was promoted up the order, also hit a fifty. Virat Kohli also played a fine knock of 45 but missed out on a big score in his 100th Test.

On day one India won the toss and skipper Rohit Sharma elected to bat.

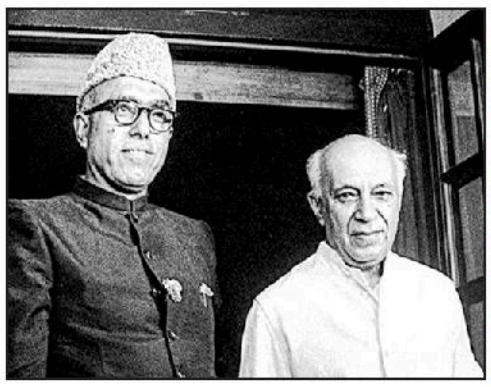
## Freedom fighters seek hike in Honorarium

Mysuru, Mar. 6- Mysuru City and District Freedom Fighters Association has appealed the Government for a hike in honorarium. Association President Y.C. Revanna accompanied by other office-bearers — Puttanna, Rangashetty and Sheshadri — met Mysuru District Minister S.T. Somashekar at Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru recently and presented a memorandum seeking a hike in honorarium for them.

Over a cup of evening Tea

By Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem, MD

# ALOKA: A completely forgotten Royal Retreat



*Sheik Abdulla and Nehru.*

*The Aloka Palace in Yelwal.*

Last week I wrote about the philanthropy of **Pandit Rajavaidya P.H. Chandrabhan Singh,** one of the Royal Physicians of Mysore, in gifting away 32 acres of his agricultural land for the establishment of a school for rural children, way back in the year 1970. I also mentioned there that the **Jawahar Navodaya School** which now stands on that gifted plot of land, once used to function from the **Aloka Palace** near the village of Yelwal, very close to Mysuru, on the Hunsur Road.

In response to many queries from my readers about this place, I have decided to throw some light on this almost completely forgotten royal edifice. The existence of this place is almost unknown to present day Mysureans because it is tucked away from public view, completely surrounded by a wooded expanse of nearly 500 acres.

More appropriately known as the **Yelawala Residency,** it was built by **Arthur Cole,** the then resident of the **East India Company,** during the time of **H.H. Maharaja Mummadi Krishnaraja Wodeyar,** in the year 1806 a year after our **Government House** was built. It was meant to serve as a hunting lodge for the Maharaja and his guests and was designed on the pattern of a structure called **'Kutra House'** in Ireland.

Cole's successor **Casamore** is said to have stayed in it till the year 1840. The wooded area around it was where the royal guests used to indulge in the sport of pig sticking, as wild boars were in abundance there then, as they are even now.

To me, this is a place full of many happy memories from the days of my childhood, because it was the locale of many picnic lunches for our family. Since it lay in the path of our frequent journeys between Mysore, where I used to do my schooling and Chikmagalur, where I used to spend my holidays, it was always our preferred spot for some rest and refreshment.

In fact, as a child, I have explored every nook and corner of the sprawling bungalow which had some very interesting cellars and hidden rooms. It consists of a large central structure with two symmetrical attachments on either side, connected by two unusually narrow, curved corridors.

**Gouri Satya,** my historian friend, in his book, ***Mysore Memories*** mentions that these corridors were actually open, pillared pathways that were later walled up. In fact, his book is the only resource that gives a detailed account of this place, which otherwise finds very few references in the history of Mysore. The huge, single storied building has many large halls with glass panelled doors and windows and a roof supported by massive teak beams and rafters.

It has a quaint, spiral, wooden staircase which ends in a watchtower-like covered turret and leads you to the roof which is laid with rectangular terracotta tiles. I doubt if this staircase still stands there today because it used to creak pitifully in the days I used to stomp on it, more than fifty years ago!

On the whole, the entire place with its huge empty rooms, dusty floor, peeling walls, broken window panes, cobwebs and bat droppings, used to fit my imagination of a haunted place perfectly, which is why I was very fond of it.

**Another little-known fact about the Aloka Palace is that this was where the Kashmiri leader Sheik Abdulla spent some time during his eleven-year detention by the Indian Government, between the years 1953 - 1964.**

**It is said that he penned a part of his autobiography *'The Blazing Chinar'* during his stay here but surprisingly there is no mention about it in the book itself.**

**He had a tumultuous, love-hate relationship with our Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru which ended with his release just a few days before the latter's death.**

Today the whole area of the Aloka Palace is under the control of the Forest Department which has a forest training institute there. A couple of years ago there was an announcement that the place was thrown open to the public as a nature park but this does not seem to be the case now.

But if you are not scared of lonely, wooded places and if you decide to drive through the narrow road that traverses it, your headlights will most likely pick up a boar rushing across, along with an occasional jackal and many sprinting hares. If you go there by day, you will be delighted by the many peacocks and partridges you'll invariably see, pecking away on the roadside. **And, if you are a nature lover and lazy traveller like me and therefore decide to just stop for a long while and soak in the natural surroundings, you'll be so mesmerised by the birdsong that you'll never feel like coming away from the magical place!**

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# Mysuru-based NGO to present paper at International Conference

*Poornima* *Dr. Kiranmayee*

Mysuru, Mar. 6- Poornima Jayakrishna and Dr. Kiranmayee Muralidhar from Public Health Research Institute of India (PHRII), a Mysuru-based NGO, have been invited to present their work at the upcoming Consortium of Universities for Global Health's (CUGH) virtual conference at Los Angeles, USA, between March 28 and April 1, 2022.

Poornima Jayakrishna will be presenting two abstracts titled "Prevalence of Early Onset of Menopause Among Smokeless Tobacco Users in Tribal Women in Mysore, Karnataka, India" and "Assessing Women's Preference for Self-sampling versus Physician Sampling HPV Testing Method for Cervical Cancer Screening in Mysore District, Karnataka, India."

Dr. Kiranmayee Muralidhar will be presenting an abstract titled "COVID-19 Vaccine Uptake and Decision-Making among Women in Urban Slums in Mysore, Karnataka, India".

PHRII is an NGO based in Mysuru working to improve the health of women and children through evidence based research and care. The CUGH 2022 conference is one of the premier events for Translation and Implementation Science for Impact in Global Health.

This conference attracts more than 1,700 delegates from over 50 countries. The meeting will bring together leaders across a broad range of areas to share what can be done to overcome the knowledge needs gap, scale up evidence-based solutions and impact public policies, so we can effectively address the pressing global health challenges we face. For details contact Ph: 0821 4259555.

# Discount sale of Kannada books, Publishers Conference

*Kannada Book Authority (KBA) Chairman Dr. Nandeesh Hanche and KBA Administrative Officer K.B. Kiran Singh extending an invittion to Publishers Conference President T.S. Chayapathi as Mysuru Sahitya Kalakoota President M. Chandrashekar looks on.*

Mysuru, Mar. 6 (RKB&TRR)- Kannada Book Authority (KBA) has organised a discount sale of Kannada books from Mar. 10 to Mar. 15 at Maharaja's College premises in city. It will be inaugurated on Mar. 10 at 10 am.

Addressing a press meet here on Friday, KBA Chairman Dr. Nandeesh Hanche said that about 65 to 70 stalls will be set up for sale of books and there will be cultural events daily from 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm.

Books published by KBA, Kannada Development Authority, Kannada and Culture Department will also be sold at the counters, he said.

The second Conference of Publishers will be held at the Centenary Hall of Maharaja's College on Mar. 15. District Minister S.T. Somashekar will inaugurate at 10 am. Publisher T.S. Chayapathi of Talukina Venkannaiah Smaraka Granthamaale, Mysuru, will preside. Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji will grace the occasion.

# Vidyasiri scholarship

Mysuru, Mar. 6 (SSM)- Backward Classes Welfare Department (BCWD), Mysuru, which had invited applications from students belonging to backward classes, nomadic and semi-nomadic tribal community and Category-1 group for availing post-matric student scholarships, student fee concession and various benefits under Vidyasiri Scheme (food and hostel facility) for 2021-22, has extended the deadline to apply.

Last date for submission of application has been extended until Mar. 31. Applications must be submitted online ***https://ssp.postmatric.karnataka.gov.in/***

Last date for submission of application for students from Nanjangud and T. Narasipur taluks too has been extended till Mar. 31. For details, visit ***https://bcwd.karnataka.gov.in*** or contact Ph: 080-35254757 or Mob: 80507-70005 or 80507-70004, according to a press release.

# Academies are in deep slumber, regrets writer

*Prof. Nilagiri Talawar and Mahadevi Talawar seen after being felicitated by Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji as Chamarajanagar MP V. Sreenivasa Prasad, Prof. H.P. Nagarajaiah and others look on.*

Mysuru, Mar. 6 (PM,SP-N&DM)- Maintaining that several academies including Janapada Academy are in sleep mode, noted writer Prof. Aravind Malagatti said that though there is nothing wrong in appointment of noted artists as academy heads, the appointment of scholars will help in promoting scholarly works.

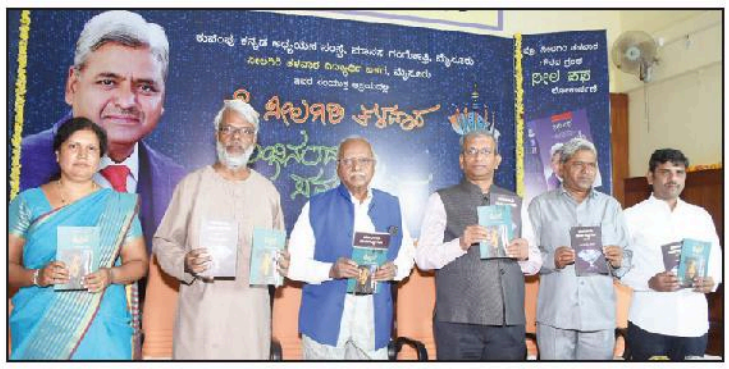
He was speaking after releasing former KIKS Director Prof. Nilagiri Talwar's two works — 'Nooraru Nudigattugalu' and 'Honnarike' at his (Prof. Talwar) felicitation programme jointly organised by Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies (KIKS) and Prof. Nilagiri Talawar Vidyarthi Balaga at B.M. Sri auditorium in Manasagangothri here yesterday.

Regretting the propaganda in some circles that appointment of scholars to academies is akin to a crime, Prof. Malagatti recalled the contributions of Prof. Nilagiri Talawar to folklore studies and arts.

Pointing out that the work 'Nooraru Nudigattugalu' explains the meaning, circumstances and the style of *Nudigattus* (sayings), he said that Prof. Talwar has also highlighted the richness of Kannada language. Janapada Academy, Sahitya Academy and Kannada Book Authority should help in bringing out scholarly talent among budding writers, he added.

Former Vice-Chancellor Prof. P. Venkataramaiah, who spoke after inaugurating the programme, said that Talwar who came from a humble background, rose to this stage through sheer determination and dedication.

Noting that Prof. Talawar was a simple, humble and soft-spoken person, he said that Prof. Talawar is also a model for his administrative capabilities.



*Writer Prof. Aravind Malagatti (second from left) seen releasing Prof. Nilagiri Talawar's two books as KSOU V-C Prof. S. Vidyashankar and other dignitaries look on.*

KSOU Vice-Chancellor Prof. S. Vidyashankar in his address, bemoaned that the bonding between students and teachers is fast declining. But it is really delightful to note that Prof. Talawar's students are felicitating their 'Guru' as a display of their affection.

**Prof. Nilagiri Talawar couple felicitated**

Later in the evening, 'Neelapatha,' a felicitation volume dedicated to Prof. Nilagiri Talawar, was released in the presence of Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, MP V. Sreenivasa Prasad and a host of dignitaries at B.M. Sri auditorium in Manasagangothri.

Speaking on the occasion, Sreenivasa Prasad regretted that several constitutional aspirations such as eradication of inequality, untouchability and discrimination, have not yet been completely fulfilled even after over seven decades of Independence.

Renowned writer Prof. H.P. Nagarajaiah (Hampana), felicitation volume Chief Editor Prof. Krishnamurthy Hanur and RSS leader M. Venkataramu recalled their association with Prof. Talawar.

The speakers highlighted the contributions of Prof. Talawar to Folk and Kannada language and also his service when he served as KIKS Director.

Prof. Nilagiri Talawar and his wife Mahadevi Talawar were felicitated on the occasion.

Also, Prof. Talawar's teachers Prof. C.V. Keremani, Prof. R.N. Patil, Prof. Shivaprakash Shigli, Prof. H.N. Hoogar and retired lecturer N.N. Patil were honoured with 'Guruvandana'.

Former Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Manu Baligar, Writer Prof. N.S. Taranath, KIKS faculty Shivakumar Karyapura and others were present.

# Man dies, wife injured in fire mishap

Mysuru, Mar. 6 (GA&KS)- A man, who had sustained serious burn injuries and admitted to K.R. Hospital in city, has succumbed at the hospital. His wife too had sustained burns and is undergoing treatment.

While the deceased is Shivanna, his wife is Nagamma, residents of Nandini Layout in city.

Shivanna had sustained severe burns when he reportedly lit fire to heat water on Wednesday morning. His wife Nagamma, who rushed to his help, also sustained burns.

Shivanna and Nagamma were rushed to K.R. Hospital by their neighbours, where Shivanna succumbed to burns.

# Bribe: ACB arrests two Minor Irrigation Dept. Engineers

*Rajashekar*

*Shyamsundar*

Mysuru, Mar. 6 (RK&TRR)- Two engineers of Minor Irrigation Department (Groundwater Development Division) have landed in Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) net while accepting a bribe to sanction a bill to a contractor.

The officers, Assistant Engineer Rajashekar and Assistant Executive Engineer Shyamsundar, have now been arrested. While Shyamsundar was arrested from his residence in J.P. Nagar and Rajashekar was nabbed red-handed while accepting a bribe of Rs. 1 lakh near the Welcome Arch on Lalitha Mahal Road around 10.30 am yesterday.

According to ACB Official, Ganesh Prasad, a class 2 civil contractor from Bandigere Village of Chamarajanagar taluk, had obtained a contract, completed the works in the stipulated time and had submitted a bill for Rs. 3,05,000 for sanctioning the amount.

Engineers Rajashekar and Shyamsundar, who inspected the works on Mar. 4, allegedly demanded a bribe of Rs.1 lakh to sanction the bill amount, following which the contractor lodged a complaint with the ACB Police.

The ACB Police, who registered a case, succeeded in arresting Rajashekar red-handed while accepting Rs. 1 lakh from the contractor and also arrested Shyamsundar.

Later, both were brought to the Minor Irrigation Department Executive Engineer's Office at Nazarbad for interrogation. They were later produced before a Court which remanded them to judicial custody.

In-charge Chamarajanagar ACB Superintendent of Police (SP) Jayaprakash and Dy.SP Sadanand Thippannanavar guided ACB Inspectors C. Kirankumar and Lakshmidevi and staffs Mahadeva, Swamy, Krishnakumar, Satish, Nagalakshmi, Nagendra and others in the operation.

# Couple arrested for money laundering

Mysuru, Mar. 6 (BCT)- The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has arrested a couple from the city in connection with a fraud and money laundering case at Central Institute of Petrochemicals Engineering & Technology (CIPET), under the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers, Government of India.

The arrests were made on the basis of a non-bailable warrant issued by a local Court for non-appearance.

The accused H.N. Aravind and his wife Bindu Aravind had failed to appear in the Court when the matter was listed for framing of charges.

The ED had initiated an investigation on the basis of an First Information Report (FIR) registered by the Central Bureau of Investigations (CBI) in 2009, under various sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and Section 13(2) r/w 13(1)(d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

A money laundering investigation conducted by the Enforcement Directorate revealed that Aravind and Bindu Aravind, while working as technicians at CIPET, had siphoned off money to the tune of Rs. 1.2 crore and utilised it for purchasing movable and immovable properties.

In the wake of illegal transfer of funds, a case against the couple was registered at a designated Special Court for Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 (PMLA) cases.

The case is now posted for framing of charges and start of trial proceedings.

# Obituary

**Ravi (Thammayappa)**

Mysuru, Mar. 6- Ravi (Thammayappa), President of Siddappaji Temple and a resident of Kannegowdana Koppal (K.G. Koppal), passed away yesterday in city. He was 53.

He leaves behind his wife, one daughter, one son and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at K.G. Koppal Burial Grounds this morning, according to family sources.

## WORD OF THE DAY

### Wherewithal

**Pronunciation:** WAIR-wih-thawl.
**Meaning:** Wherewithal refers to the means, resources, or money that is needed to get or do something.
**Origin:** Wherewithal comes from where and withal (meaning "with"), and it has been used as a conjunction meaning "with or by means of which" and as a pronoun meaning "that with or by which." These days, however, it is almost always used as a noun referring to the means or resources a person has at one's disposal—especially financial resources.
**Example:** "The repairs, however, could cost millions of dollars.... The stalemate has some observers wondering if the private sector has the wherewithal to continue operating the Paramount and Convention Hall." — Michael L. Diamond, The Asbury Park (New Jersey) Press.

## THE ODD WORD

### Wanze

To decrease; to waste away.

## PHRASE OF THE DAY

### Wag the dog

**Meaning:** The phrase 'Wag the Dog' is used to indicate that attention is purposely being diverted from something of greater importance to something of lesser importance.
**Origin:** The term 'wag the dog' comes from the expression that a dog is smarter than its tail, but if the tail were smarter than the dog, the tail would be in control.
**Example:** "He's wagging the dog to keep you from discovering the truth about the car wreck."

## QUOTE BOX

A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than you love yourself.

**—Josh Billings**

## RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

1,000 SLAM

*Answer: Grand Slam.*

## CROSS WORD

**ACROSS:**

1 A cooking fuel
4 Fluid in a tree, shrub, etc.
7 Impetuous
11 Frozen water
12 African tribe
13 Types of trees
14 Sailor
17 1052 in Roman numerals
18 Of the highest quality (5-5)
20 In flames or burning
22 Tibia
23 Nipple of a female mammal
24 Decay or eat away
27 Guru's home and hermitage?
31 Breaks, fractures or mutilates?
33 Avow or aver
34 Envelop or enfold?
35 Double digits
37 Friendship
39 Common speech
42 ____ Turner : famous singer?
43 More expensive
46 Political alliance
47 Ram's mate
48 United State Steamship, abbr.
49 Editor's excision
50 Satellite Landing Sys.
51 __ culpa : an admission of guilt

**FRIDAY'S ANSWER**

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| V | A | T | | | W | A | D | | S | H | H | |
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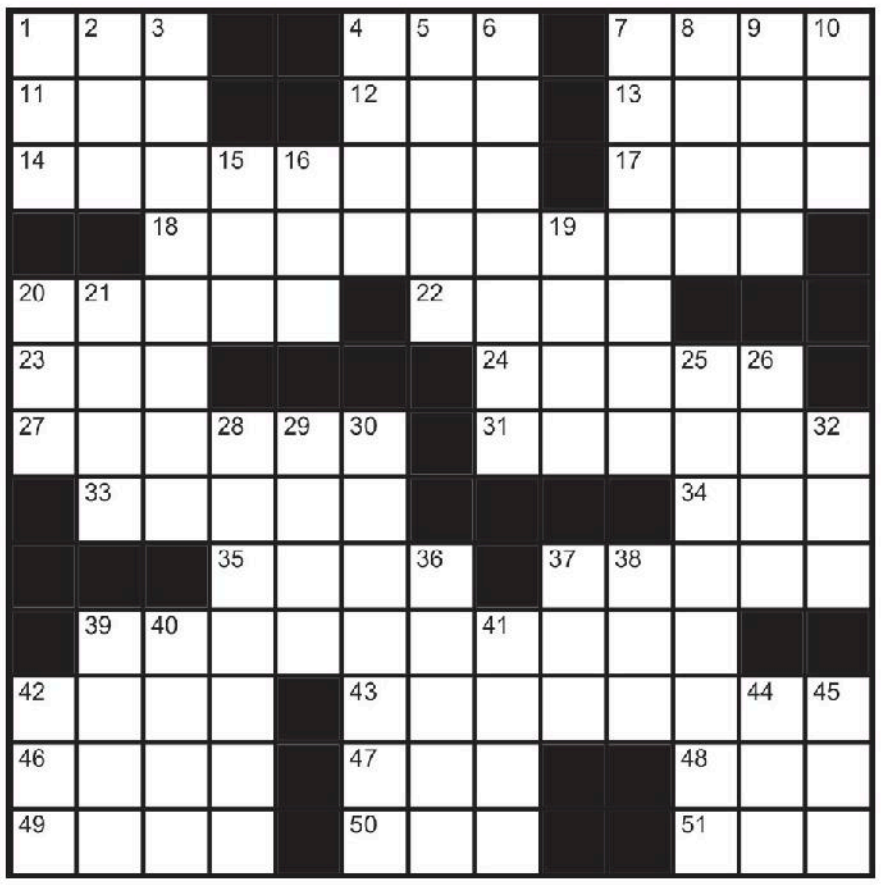
**DOWN**

1 US soldiers
2 Top card?
3 Marine conflict (3,5)
4 Titles for knights or baronets
5 Helps a felon
6 Patios, terraces or verandas
7 Russian royal house
8 Types of East Indian shrubs
9 Narrow strips of metal or wood fixed to boots for use on snow
10 Horizontal Situation Indicator
15 Evergreen tree
16 `Were' in the present tense
19 Former Italian coin
20 Nabokov novel
21 Brouhaha
25 Feverish state
26 "E" in Q.E.D.?
28 Fiercely competitive struggle in business (3,4)
29 Egyptian symbol - "neat" anagram?
30 Threats or intimidations
32 To explore secretly
36 Frown
37 High-pitched - "lat" anagram?
38 ___ de mer : seasickness?
39 Most unpleasant
40 Organic compound
41 Puts something to work
42 To Be Determined
44 Opp. of WNW
45 Republic of South Africa, acronym



## SUDOKU

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| | | 8 | | | 3 | | | 2 |
| | 9 | 3 | | 4 | | | | |
| | 5 | | | | 2 | 4 | | |
| | 6 | 1 | | | | 8 | | |
| | | | 8 | | 1 | | | |
| | | 2 | | | | 7 | 3 | |
| | | 5 | 2 | | | | 4 | |
| | | | | 9 | | 1 | 2 | |
| 7 | | | 1 | | | 6 | | |

Answer to previous puzzle

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8 | 7 | 9 | 1 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 3 |
| 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 9 | 7 |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 4 | 9 | 8 | 5 | 6 |
| 9 | 4 | 7 | 5 | 8 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 1 |
| 5 | 8 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 4 | 9 |
| 3 | 1 | 6 | 4 | 9 | 7 | 5 | 8 | 2 |
| 7 | 6 | 8 | 9 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| 4 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 2 | 3 | 5 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 9 | 1 | 4 |

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

## CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

**UVO HXTO QN LOHGOAU: QM YTT IYUUOHN DG**

**DLQMQDM DXH YCKOHNYHQON YHO QMNYMO.**

**TODAY'S CLUE: U EQUALS T**

**Friday's Cryptoquip:** There are no dangerous thoughts; thinking itself is dangerous.

## NOW SHOWING - MOVIES

- **Padma Theatre** — Ph: 2521923
  *Valimai (Ta) 4* Shows
- **Thibbadevi Theatre** — Ph: 2452958
  *Valimai (Ta) 4* Shows
- **Sangam Theatre** — Ph: 2520494
  *Old Monkk (K) 4* Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — Ph: 2420885
  *Ek Love Ya (K) 4* Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — Mob: 9900820093
  *Love Mocktail 2 (K)* - 4 Shows
- **Gayathri Theatre** — Ph: 2443568
  *Yellow Board (K)* - 4 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** — Ph: 2422871
  *Mysuru (K)* - 3 Shows; *Aghora (K)* - 1 Show
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — Ph: 2423554
  *The Batman (E)* - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — Ph: 2497199
  *One Story Many Ends (H)* - 4 Shows

### DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *The Batman (E)* | (S-1) | 10.00 am, 9.55 pm |
| | (S-2) | 1.00 pm; (S-4) 6.35 pm |
| *Love Mocktail 2 (K)* | (S-1) | 1.35 pm |
| *Aadavaallu Meeku Joharlu (Te)* | (S-1) | 4.20 pm, 7.05 pm |
| *Sold (K)* | (S-2) | 10.15 am |
| *Aghora (K)* | (S-2) | 4.25 pm |
| *Jhund (H)* | (S-2) | 6.40 pm; (S-4) 9.50 am |
| *Ek Love Ya (K)* | (S-2) | 10.00 pm |
| *Moksha (K)* | (S-3) | 10.20 am |
| *Valimai (Ta)* | (S-3) | 12.45 pm |
| *Hey Sinamika (Ta)* | (S-3) | 4.05 pm |
| *Gangubai Kathiawadi (H)* | (S-3) | 7.00 pm; (S-4) 10.00 pm |
| *Bheeshma Parvam (Ma)* | (S-3) | 10.00 pm |
| *Old Monkk (K)* | (S-4) | 1.10 pm |
| *Yellow Board (K)* | (S-4) | 3.45 pm |

### INOX LIVE THE MOVIE — Ph: 2533444 / 2533456

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *The Batman (E)* | (S-1) | 9.50 am, 1.40 pm, 5.30, 9.20 pm |
| *Jhund (H)* | (S-3) | 10.50 am, 5.50 pm |
| *Bheeshma Parvam (Ma)* | (S-4) | 9.55 pm |
| *Aadavaallu Meeku Joharlu (Te)* | (S-3) | 2.40 pm, 9.40 pm |
| *Sold (K)* | (S-2) | 12.45 pm |
| *Yellow Board (K)* | (S-2) | 6.40 pm |
| *Puneeth in Aghora (K)* | (S-4) | 10.10 am |
| *Gangubai Kathiawadi (H)* | (S-2) | 9.30 am, 3.20 pm, 9.50 pm |
| *Ek Love Ya (K)* | (S-4) | 3.35 pm |
| *Old Monkk (K)* | (S-4) | 12.40 pm |
| *Love Mocktail 2 (K)* | (S-4) | 6.50 pm |

### PVR CINEMAS

**Forum Centre City Mall, 2nd Floor. Mob: 8951357139**

| | |
|---|---|
| *Jhund (H)* | : 9.55 am, 5.55 pm, 9.55 pm |
| *The Batman (E)* | : 10.35 am, 11 am, 2.40 pm, 5.20 pm 6.20 pm, 9.00 pm, 10.00 pm |
| *Love Mocktail 2 (K)* | : 11.45 am |
| *Gangubai Kathiawadi (H)* | : 12 noon, 3.20 pm, 6.40 pm, 10 pm |
| *Aadavallu Meeku Johaarlu (Te)* | : 12.10 pm, 6.45 pm |
| *Yellow Board (K)* | : 1.35 pm |
| *Bheemla Nayak (Te)* | : 2.15 pm |
| *Hey Sinamika (Ta)* | : 2.45 pm, 9.50 pm |
| *Valimai (Ta)* | : 3.15 pm |
| *Aghora (K)* | : 4.45 pm |
| *Sold (K)* | : 7.15 pm |
| *Bheeshma Parvam (Ma)* | : 9.35 pm |

**1st Floor, Garuda Mall. Mob: 9901373210**

| | |
|---|---|
| *Mysuru (K)* | : 9.20 am |
| *The Batman (E)* | : 10.50 am, 2.30 pm, 6.10 pm, 9.50 pm |
| *Gangubai Kathiawadi (H)* | : 11.45 am, 6.10 pm |
| *Yellow Board (K)* | : 11.55 am |
| *Valimai (Te)* | : 12.05 pm |
| *Aadavallu Meeku Johaarlu (Te)* | : 3.05 pm, 9.30 pm |
| *Jhund (H)* | : 3:05 pm, 10.00 pm |
| *Love Mocktail 2 (K)* | : 3.35 pm, 9.40 pm |
| *Bheemla Nayak (Te)* | : 6.35 pm |
| *Ek Love Ya (K)* | : 6.45 pm |

### MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

| | |
|---|---|
| *Ek Love Ya (K)* | (S-1) 10.30 am, 1.30 pm; (S-2) 6.45 pm |
| *Aghora (K)* | (S-1) 4.30 pm |
| *Yellow Board (K)* | (S-1) 6.40 pm |
| *Old Monkk (K)* | (S-1) 9.30 pm |
| *Aadavaallu Meeku Joharlu (Te)* | (S-2) 10.30 am, 1.15 pm |
| *Love Mocktail 2 (K)* | (S-2) 4.00 pm |
| *Lisa (K)* | (S-2) 9.45 pm |
| *The Batman (E)* | (S-3) 10.45 am, 2.45 pm, 6.10, 9.30 pm |
| *Bettada Daari (K)* | (S-4) 10.30 am |
| *Kanneri (K)* | (S-4) 12.55 pm |
| *Hey Sinamika (Ta)* | (S-4) 3.20 pm |
| *Jhund (H)* | (S-4) 6.10 pm, 9.30 pm |

**NOTE:** Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15.

# Mysuru team excels in KSFA Youth Premier League

*A group photo of the U-14 team of Vijayanagar Football Academy (VFA), Mysuru. Seen are* (standing from left) ***Hithesh R. Gowda, S.L. Chirag, P. Chiranth, K.H. Abhinav Tejaswi, N. Suprith Prana, B.M. Mohith, Shishir Shetty, D. Gaurav, Nischith K. Gowda, B. Nimish Prajwal, M. Eashaan and S. Kishan;*** (kneeling from left) ***Y.C. Bhargav, Dhirren Kumar, S.K. Chiranth, M.S. Dheer and A. Preetham Gowda.***

Mysuru, Mar. 6- The Under-14 team of Vijayanagar Football Academy (VFA), Mysuru, become the first football Academy from Mysuru to qualify for the playoff of Karnataka State Football Association (KSFA) Youth Premier League 2021-22 which was held in Bengaluru recently.

With 2 wins, 1 draw and 1 loss at the Group stage, VFA, Mysuru, finished joint second with Bangalore City FC.

After a setback in the first match in which they lost to 7-1 Boca Academy, Bengaluru, VFA, Mysuru, beat Barca Academy, Bengaluru, with a dominating 4-0 performance. In the next match, VFA, Mysuru, beat GRK Academy, Bengaluru, in which the scorecard read 17-1. In their final Group game, VFA drew with Bangalore City FC 3-3.

### PLAYOFF

In the playoff yesterday, Vijayanagar Football Academy, Mysuru, though put up a spirited performance, lost to Bangalore City FC 0-4.

# Medal winners in State-level Karate

*Sanvi Ranga*

***Karatekas of PKD (Prajwal Karate Dojo), practicing International Mabuni Ha Shito Ryu Karate under style Chief Kyoshi N.G. Sivdas, took part in State-level Karate Championship organised by IMSKA on Feb. 20 at Mysore University Gymnasium Hall and have bagged 11 Gold, 9 Silver and 5 Bronze medals. Seen are*** (sitting from left) ***Karthikeya - Bronze in Kata, Salma - Gold in Kata, Manoj - Silver in Kata, Kanishka - Gold in Kata and Kumite, Agastya - Bronze in Kata, Risheshwar - Silver in Kata, Zyle - Bronze in Kata, Karthikeyan - Gold in Kata and Kumite, Abia - Silver in Kata and Aaban - Gold in Kata;*** (standing from left) ***Abhay - Gold in Kata, Yashas - Gold in Kumite & Silver in Kata, Manya - Gold in Kumite & Silver in Kata, Swathi - Gold in Kata & Kumite, Krishna - Silver in Kata, Sensei Prajwal (Chief Instructor, PKD), Hamza - Gold in Kata, Sana - Gold in Kumite, Yudhi - Gold in Kata & Silver in Kumite, Gowri - Silver in Kata, Bhavan - Silver in Kata and Sanvi Ranga - Silver in Kata*** (not in the group photo)

## EVENTS TODAY (MARCH 6)

- **Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) and Tourism Department:** Exhibition-2022, Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **3.30 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Rangayana, Mysuru and Directorate of Kannada & Culture:** 'Janapara Utsava' - Folklore Fest with the theme 'Rangayanadangaladalli Janapadaru,' Somana Kunita, Neelagarara Pada, Hindustani Music and Drama, Vanaranga, Rangayana premises, **4.30 pm to 9.30 pm.**
- **Sri Nadabrahma Sangeeta Sabha:** Parur Parampare Guruvandana to Parur Sundaram Iyer, Parur M.S. Ananta Raman & Parur M.S. Gopalakrishnan, sponsored by H.K. Narasimha Murthy — Malladi Suri Babu - vocal, Mysore V. Srikanth - violin, Tumkur B. Ravishankar - mridanga and Sharath Kaushik - ghata, Sabha premises, JLB Road, **6 pm.**
- **Rangavalli, Mysuru, Kannada and Culture Department, Bengaluru and Vijaya Vittala Institution:** Theatre Training Workshop 'Bhoomika' in memory of eminent theatre personality Jayatheertha Joshi, staging of Shakespere's "A Midsummer Night's Dream," directed by Ninasam graduate Jeevan Kumar Heggodu, Rama-Govinda Rangamandira, Nrupatunga School premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **7 pm.** [Tickets are priced at Rs. 100; Mob: 99646-56482]

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